

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sending documents, comprising:
determining whether a user sent a copy of a document, created by an application other than an email application, as an email attachment to a first set of at least one recipient via email; and
if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the first set as an email attachment using an email application, correlating information with the document so that a copy of a revised version of the document can be sent automatically as another email attachment to the at least one recipient of the first set without the user accessing the email application;
wherein correlating comprises encoding the document with the information, and the information comprises an email address of the at least one recipient of the first set to which the email attachment was sent via email.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein the information comprises a location of the document in a device in which the document was created.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the information comprises a location of the document in a device from which the document was sent.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether the user sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a second set via email; and
appending the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the second set, if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the second set.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining whether the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a third set; and
appending the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the third set, if the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the third set.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
automatically enabling the copy of the revised version of the document to be sent to the at least one recipient of the first, second, and third sets when the revised version of the document is saved in memory of a storage device using the application that created the revised version.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein automatically enabling further comprises:

providing a graphical user interface enabling the user to choose an option to send the copy of the revised version of the document.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, further comprising:

automatically enabling the at least one recipient of the first set to obtain the copy of the revised version of the document if the at least one recipient of the first set accesses the copy of the document such that, when the at least one recipient of the first set attempts to open the email attachment previously sent and corresponding to the copy of the document, the at least one recipient is automatically provided with access to the copy of the revised version of the document.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein automatically enabling further comprises:

providing a graphical user interface enabling a user to select an option to obtain the copy of the revised version of the document upon accessing the copy of the document.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein automatically enabling further comprises:

selecting a threshold, the attainment of which enables the copy of the revised version of the document to be obtained upon accessing the copy of the document.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the threshold is one of a date, a day, and a time.
14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein automatically enabling comprises:
providing a graphical user interface that allows the user to change the information so that the at least one recipient of the first set receives the copy of the revised version of the document every time the at least one recipient accesses the copy of the document.
15. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:
a document-sending system configured to:
determine whether a user sent a copy of a document created by an application other than an email application and attached to an email message to a first set of at least one recipient via email; and
~~correlate information with~~ encode the document with information comprising an email address to which the document was sent via email so that a copy of a revised version of the document can be sent automatically to the email address as an attachment to another email message without the user accessing the email application, if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the first set as an email attachment using an email application.

16. (Original) The communications system of claim 15, wherein the document-sending system is further configured to:

determine whether the user sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a second set; and

append the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the second set, if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the second set.

17. (Original) The communications system of claim 16, wherein the document-sending system is further configured to:

determine whether the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a third set; and

append the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the third set, if the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the third set.

18. (Original) The communications system of claim 17, wherein the document-sending system is further configured to:

automatically enable the copy of the revised version of the document to be sent to the at least one recipient of the first set when the revised version of the document is saved.

19. (Original) The communications system of claim 15, wherein the document-sending system further comprises:

means for automatically enabling the at least one recipient of the first set to obtain the copy of the revised version of the document if the at least one recipient of the first set accesses the copy of the document.

20. (Original) The communications system of claim 19, wherein the means for automatically enabling, comprises:

means for selecting a threshold, the attainment of which enables the copy of the revised version of the document to be obtained upon accessing the copy of the document.

21. (Original) The communications system of claim 19, wherein the means for automatically enabling provides a graphical user interface that allows the user to change the information so that the at least one recipient of the first set receives the copy of the revised version of the document every time the at least one recipient accesses the copy of the document.

22. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium storing a computer program for sending documents, the computer-readable medium comprising:

logic configured to determine whether a user sent a copy of a document created by an application other than an email application and attached to an email message to a first set of at least one recipient via email; and

logic configured to ~~correlate~~ append information, comprising an email address to which the document was set via email, ~~with~~ to the document so that a copy of a revised version of the document can be sent automatically attached to another email message to the email address without the user accessing the email application, wherein the logic correlates the information if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the first set as an email attachment using an email application.

23. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

logic configured to determine whether the user sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a second set; and

logic configured to append the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the second set, the logic appends if the user sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the second set.

24. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising:

logic configured to determine whether the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to at least one recipient of a third set; and

logic configured to append the information with addresses of the at least one recipient of the third set, the logic appends if the at least one recipient of the second set sent the copy of the document to the at least one recipient of the third set.

25. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, further comprising:

logic configured to automatically enable the copy of the revised version of the document to be sent to the at least one recipient of the first set, the logic automatically enables when the revised version of the document is saved.

26. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

logic configured to automatically enable the at least one recipient of the first set to obtain the copy of the revised version of the document, the logic automatically enables if the at least one recipient of the first set accesses the copy of the document.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the application used to create the document is a word-processing application.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for sending information via email, comprising:

creating a file using an application other than an email application;

attaching the file to an email message as a first email attachment;

designating a first recipient to receive the email message with the first email attachment; and

~~correlating information with~~ encoding the file with information corresponding to an email address to which the email message was sent via email so that a revised version of the file is automatically sent to the first recipient, at the email address encoded with the file, as a second email attachment via a subsequent email in response to the file being revised using the application.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the subsequent email is sent automatically in response to the revised version of the file being saved to memory of a data storage device under direction of the application used to create the file.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein, in response to the first recipient attempting to access the first email attachment, access to the revised version of the file is automatically provided to the first recipient.